Supply of Kerosene Oil, Petrol and Diesel to the Districts of Orissa from Haldia and Vizag Refineries

1223. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Districts in Orissa which are supplied kerosene oil, petrol and diesel from Haldia and Vizag refineries;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply from Haldia is often disrupted due to labour problem for which acute shortage of kerosene oil is being experienced; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remove this difficulty and restore the normal supply of kerosene oil?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) All districts in Orissa are supplied kerosene oil, petrol and diesel from Haldia and Vizag refineries. Supplies to the Districts are routed through 5 oil company depots, which the exception of Koraput District which is partly supplied directly from Vizag refinery. Three oil company depots receive supplies ex-Vizag while two depots receive supplies ex-Haldia.

(b) There are no Industrial relations problems at Haldia which result in frequent disruption of supplies of kerosene from Haldia.

(c) Does not arise.

Inadequate supply of Cooking Gas in Orissa

1224. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the requirement of cooking gas in Orissa is usually not met and there remains a backlog due to inadequate supply out of allotted quota;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the demand and supply of cooking gas in Orissa during the year 1989-90; and

(d) whether the backlog would be cleared out during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) While supplies of LPG in Orissa had been generally normal, backlogs did developed in May and July, 1990 due to the overall shortfall in the availability of bulk LPG on account of the production at the Vishakhapatnam Refinery being adversely affected by the severe cyclone and power failure and the late receipt LPG imports at Vishakhapatnam.

(c) Against an estimated LPG demand of 15.063 MT in Orissa about 16,136 MT was supplied during 1989-90.

(d) with the improvement in the availability of bulk LPG, the backlog is expected to be brought down in August, 1990.

Scheme for Establishing Quota for Petroleum Products for State

1225. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for fixing quotas for petroleum products for States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWA-